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SUBJECT: AUGUST 4 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

RTG SPOKESMAN SAYS 1000 CAMBODIAN TROOPS MASSING ACROSS
BORDER FROM WHERE ATTACKED 2 THAI VILLAGES (WSTAR 8/3)

2. ASEAN UNCLASSIFIED

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SUMMIT OPENS W/CONCILIATORY GESTURE AS PHILS' MARCOS
ANNOUNCES READY DROP CLAIM TO SABAH. MTG WILL DEAL MAINLY
W/ECON ISSUES (REUTER KL).

TRADE MINS DECIDE RECOMMEND 7 MORE REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL
PROJECTS FOR ASEAN IMPLEMENTATION. PROJECTS NOT IDENTIFIED;
WILL BE SUBJECT APPROVAL BY ASEAN LEADERS (UPI, JOC).

3. KOREA

RETIRED US ARMY OFFICER SAYS ORGANIZED RING SKOREANS, W/US HELP, SYSTEMATICALLY EXPLOITED US ARMY COMPUTOR TO STEAL UP TO 17 MILLION DOLS PER YR IN US FOOD/UNIFORMS/VEHICLE PARTS/GASOLINE/OTHER GOODS FROM INSTALLATIONS IN SK. CHARGES MADE IN LTR TO SENATE CMTE ON GOVT OPNS. ROK EMBASSY WASHINGTON TERMS ALLEGATIONS "MALICIOUS LIE" (JENSEN, NYT--EXCERPTED IN SUN).

DOJ AGREES SHARE INFO W/HOUSE ETHICS CMTE IN PROBE ALLEGED SK INFLUENCE-BUYING IN CONGRESS. INFO REPORTEDLY INCLUDES LIST 20 CONGRESSMEN/OTHER GOVT OFFICIALS TARGETED TO GET CASH FROM TONGSUN PARK (AP, SUN). DOJ DECISION AVERTS POTENTIAL CONFRONTATION (BABCOCK/REID, WP). NYDN'S VOLZ QUOTES SEOUL SOURCE THAT PRES PARK PERSONALLY PICKED PROSTITUTES TO ENTERTAIN NUMEROUS US CONGRESSMEN WHO VISITED SK DURING LAST 7 YRS.

HUBUB CREATED BY NK DOWNING US COPTER OVERSHADOWED HABIB TRIP, BUT VISIT PURPOSE STILL POSES UNANSWERED QUESTIONS. SECRECY SURROUNDING MISSION PROMPTS SPECULATION THAT HAD SOMETHING TO DO EITHER W/ROLE US NUKES IN SK FOLLOWING US TROOP PULLOUT, OR INVOLVED SOMETHING THAT HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSPIRED BETW US/NK (UPI, GLOBE 8/3).

US/SK SO FAR FAIL REACH TEXTILES AGREEMENT. FURTHER ROUND NEGOTS EXPECTED AT MONTH'S END (REUTER SEOUL).

4. KOREA/JAPAN

SK/JAPAN BEGIN 4 DAYS' WORKING-LEVEL TALKS RE IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT ON JOINT EXPLORATION CONTINENTAL SHELF BETW THEM (REUTER SEOUL).

5. JAPAN

USSR/JAPAN SIGN INTERIM FISHERY AGREEMENT IN TOKYO COVERING SOVIET OPNS IN JAPAN'S 200-MILE ZONE. KURILE ISLANDS TERRITORY QUESTION LEFT UNANSWERED (REUTER TOKYO).

TWENTY-MEMBER JAPANESE TRADE MISSION WILL VISIT ITALY/UK/ FRANCE/FRG NEXT MONTH TO DISCUSS INCREASE IN CONSUMER GOODS IMPORTS FROM EC (REUTER TOKYO).

FRANCE HAS TOLD GOJ THAT JAPANESE-MADE AUTOS MUST LIMIT THEIR SHARE FRANCE'S DOMESTIC MARKET TO 3 PCT. MOVE IN RESPONSE TO JAPANESE CLOSED ATTITUDE ON ITS OWN MARKET/FACT THAT SINCE 1974, JAPANESE CAR MFRS HAVE BEEN ANNUALLY DOUBLING SALES IN FRANCE (JOC).

JAPANESE TEXTILE FIRMS ASK GOJ HELP LOWER YEN'S FOREX VALUE AFTER CLAIMING THEIR EXPORTS BEING HIT BY PRESENT HIGH RATE. SPOKESMAN FOR 4 ASSNS TEXTILE EXPORTERS SAID THEY ALSO WANTED GOJ HELP STABILIZE YEN AT ABOUT 275-280 TO DOLLAR (REUTER TOKYO).

SANYO PLANS ADDITIONAL 3.6 PCT PRICE INCREASE FOR COLOR TVS SHIPPED TO US BEGINNING SEPT. SANYO ALREADY RAISED PRICES ON SAME 3-5 PCT THIS MONTH (WP).

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GOJ DECIDED WEDNESDAY FOR NEAR-IMMEDIATE MOVES TO LAUNCH 3.7-5.6 BIL DOLS PKG PUMP-PRIMING MEASURES TO REFLATE NATION'S SLUGGISH ECONOMY (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

IGNATIUS (WSJ 8/3) DOES ITEM RE RECENT STORIES THAT US STEEL MFRS' MAJOR PROBLEM IN COMPETING W/JAPANESE CENTERS ON OUTDATED MILLS/EQUIPMENT. CITES US STEELMAKERS' WORRY THAT LOW-PRICE JAPANESE IMPORTS MAY GRAB SO MUCH US MARKET THAT DOMESTIC PRODUCERS WILL BE FORCED SHELVE EXPANSION/MODERNIZATION PLANS, CAUSING COMPETITIVE SITUATION WORSEN FURTHER.

TOYOTA SAYS DECISION LEASE 30 ACRES AT PORT NEWARK UNRELATED TO LOBBYING EFFORTS BY PATH OFFICIALS DURING RECENT TOKYO VISITS--THO PATH CLAIMS OTHERWISE. TOYOTA ALSO EMPHASIZES PLAN REPRESENTED NO COMMITMENT--AS CITED BY FORMER PATH CHRMN--FOR FULL-SCALE AUTO-ASSEMBLY PLANT (MALCOLM, NYT TOKYO).

6. JAPAN/AUSTRALIA

SPEAKING TO NATL PRESS CLUB IN CANBERRA 8/4, JAPANESE AMB OKAWARA SAID JAPAN INTENDS KEEP UP RESEARCH INTO DEVELOPMENT PLUTONIUM ECONOMY DESPITE US/AUSTRALIAN OPPOSITION. CLAIMED JAPAN'S VULNERABILITY TO ENERGY SHORTAGES CONSTITUTED SPECIAL CASE/NEED FOR SUCH RESEARCH (REUTER CANBERRA).

7. NEW ZEALAND

CSM'S CARTHEW (WELLINGTON) REPORTS GONZ TAKING ACTION ENSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO EC MARKETS. AMONG OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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MOVES, DEP PM/TRADE MIN DEPARTED FOR EUR RECENTLY TO NEGOTIATE NEW BUTTER PRICE/PRESERVE NZ'S ACCESS TO EUR CHEESE MART/PREVENT CUT IN SHEEP MEAT EXPORTS.

8. PHILIPPINES

REPORT RELEASED 8/3 BY INTL COMMISSION OF JURISTS IN GENEVA SAYS PHILS MARTIAL LAW NO LONGER JUSTIFIABLE. FROM MANILA, WP'S WIDEMAN SAID REPORT CAME AT BAD TIME FOR GOP, WHICH HAS BEEN LOBBYING IN US CONGRESS TO RBSTORE 6.2-MIL-DOLS CUT FROM ITS MIL AID DUE ALLEGED HUMAN RTS ABUSES. ADDED TIMING ALSO BAD BECUASE HUMAN RTS WILL BE ON AGENDA OF INTL CONF LAWYERS/JURISTS SET TO OPEN MANILA THIS MONTH (WP).

9. JAPAN/CHINA

TWO-WAY TRADE BETW JAPAN/CHINA TOTALED 1.5 BILLION DOLS FIRST 6 MOS 1977--DOWN 10.8 PCT FROM 1976 (WP).

NYT (8/4) CARRIES FULL-PAGE AD OF "CHURCHES UNION OF ROC" BANNERED: "MIG-19 PILOT WHO REACHED FREEDOM NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW;" SHOWS LARGE PIX FAN YUAN-YEN, WAVING/SMILING AT 7/8 TAIPEI NEWS CONF. TEXT URGES READER SEND COUPON PRC/UN OR PRCLO ASKING RELEASE OF FAN FAMILY.

10. CHINA

PRC NAMES GEN LIU CHIEN TO TAKE OVER COMMAND SINKIANG REGION FORCES FROM GEN YANG YUNG--EVIDENCE OF POSSIBLE MIL RESHUFFLE. SPECULATION IS YANG WILL THEN SUCCEED GEN HSU SHIH-YU, COMMANDER SOUTHERN ARMY/CANTON; HSU WILL THEN BECOME DEFENSE MINISTER, TAKING OVER FROM YE CHIEN-YING, AND YE WILL RETAIN DEP CHRMN CCP POST (REUTER, NYT).

TAIWAN POWER CO OBTAINS 100-MILLION-DOL LOAN TO FINANCE NUKE POWER PROJECT FROM 17 INTL BANKS, AMONG THEM, CITI-UNCLASSIFIED

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CORP, CHASE MANHATTAN, MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST AND WELLS FARGO (WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. CHINA

IN CSM, RAY CLINE REFUTES FAIRBANK'S 7/27 NYT CHINA POLICY ARTICLE WHICH URGES US ACCEPT PRC'S 3 CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION. CLINE SAYS IF US SHOULD COMPLY, WOULD MARK 1ST TIME US OVERRODE TREATY OBLIGATIONS TO DICTATES OF FON GOVT. SAYS TAIWAN WOULD BE DEALT DEATHBLOW; US DISCREDITED THRU OUT ASIA. CLINE DESCRIBES ROC LEADERS AS PRO-US GROUP THAT SUBORDINATED ALL POLICY CONSIDERATIONS TO MAKING TAIWAN BASTION OF PRINCIPLES AND STRATEGIC INTEREST OF US. SINCE PEKING NEEDS US MORE THAN VICE VERSA, CLINE URGES DE FACTO RECOG BOTH PRC/ROC.

WSTAR'S ROCHE, IN FLIPPANT ARTICLE ON STRUGGLE BETW PRESENT PRC LEADERSHIP/GANG OF 4, CALLS TENG REHABILITATION TRIUMPH FOR ANTI-MAO UNDERGROUND; OF RATIONALISTS OVER ADVENTURISTS. SAYS STRUGGLE NOT SO MUCH IDEOLOGICAL AS

RAW POWER BID (8/3).

12. ASEAN

LAT'S MCARTHUR (8/3) AT KL, NOTES FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR SUMMIT. SAYS CONFIDENCE COMES PARTLY FROM FACT PMS JAPAN/AUSTRALIA/NZ WILL JOIN ASEAN LEADERS LATER, REPORTEDLY BRINGING BILLION-DOL AID PKG. DETECTS ANTI-COMMUNIST COLORING TO ASEAN. BELIEVES GROUP SEEMS READY ACT ON REGIONAL COOPERATION DESPITE DIFFERENCES AMONG STATES. QUOTES DIPL OBSERVERS THAT CONF MAY BE MORE PRODUCTIVE ON POL LEVEL.

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LORENZ (JOC) AT KL, QUOTES OBSERVERS THAT POL WILL MEMBER COUNTRIES SEEMS AHEAD OF GROUPING'S ECON CAPABILITY IMPLEMENT MOST OF ITS PROJECTS. SAYS EXPERTS DETECT UNWILLINGNESS MEMBERS COMMIT SELVES TO SPECIFIC PROGRAM REGIONAL TRADE LIBERALIZATION.

NYT'S ANDELMAN, AT KL, BELIEVES CONF UNLIKELY PRODUCE MAJOR AGREEMENTS ON TARIFF REDUCTIONS/TRADE CONCESSIONS/ JOINT INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS THAT MOST PARTICIPANTS HOPE FOR, DUE POL PRESSURE AT HOME/ABROAD. THINKS FOCUS NOW ON HOW MUCH JAPAN CAN BE TALKED INTO PROVIDING. ADDS US WATCHING FOR INDICATIONS DIRECTIONS N-S DISCUSSIONS/NEW INTL ECON ORDER MIGHT TAKE.

13. KOREA

PITTSBURGH PRESS (8/2) FINDS STRANGE THAT NK GETTING GOOD PUBLICITY IN US, DUE "REASONABLE" HANDLING US COPTER INCIDENT. DESCRIBES HARSH KIM IL SUNG REGIME. WONDERS IF US AIR/NAVAL STRENGTH FOLLOWING PULLOUT WILL BE SUFFICIENT DETER NK ATTEMPT OVERRUN SK; BUT AGREES SK MUST EVENTUALLY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR OWN DEFENSE.

SEVERAL CARTOONISTS ZERO-IN ON KOREAN SCANDAL PROBE. MACNELLY (NYDN) DEPICTS PROBE AS ANCIENT RACING CAR RESTING ON BLOCK W/O REAR WHEELS; DRIVER GETS IMPRESSION OF SPEED, DUE FAN BLOWING IN FACE. FISCHETTI (CDN 8/1) SHOWS ENORMOUS REEKING "NEST EGG" LABELED "KOREAN PAY-OFFS" ON CAPITOL STEPS. AUTH (PHINQ) DRAWS FOX-HUNTER "LEON" ASTRIDE HORSE "HOUSE KOREA PROBE" LEAPING FENCE BEHIND HOUNDS; OTHER MEMBERS OF HUNT ARE FOXES ON HORSE-BACK. MAULDIN (CHI S-T) HAS MAN LABELED "CONGRESS" - SEATED NEAR DOOR, W/STRING TIED FROM KNOB TO TOOTH, SAYING "COME IN, MR. JAWORSKI."

THARP (WSJ) NOTES DEVELOPMENT RURAL/AGRIC AREAS IS
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LINCHPIN ROKG'S PLANS FOR ECON GROWTH. DESCRIBES RETURN
TO HOME VILLAGE BY US-EDUCATED PROF AT SEOUL UNIV, WHO
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